



THE TERRACES

2018 Cabernet Franc

Quarry Vineyard, Estate Grown

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Franc

Cases: 219

Alcohol: 14.8%

Bottled: May 18, 2020

Released: February 1, 2021

Suggested Retail: \$87

Vineyard: The Terraces Estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog.

Vintage: February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for us to allow the fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemmed, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs, and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 56% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: Our one acre block of Cabernet Franc has provided us with another harvest of exceptional fruit, creating a wine of outstanding quality. The 2018 Estate Cabernet Franc boasts a gorgeous deep ruby color with aromas of black berry and black cherry complimented with hints of violet, cedar and wet earth. The rich palate continues to impress with complex flavors of ripe plumb, blackberry, and black tea with hints of vanilla and hazelnut. The mouthfeel shows off refined tannins and an incredibly long fruit filled finish.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspires us to create epic wines of astonishing value. We produce less than 3500 cases in total each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.